(c) Long-term studies are required in order to conclusively establish the impact of global warming on recession of glaciers in Himalayan region.

Forest diversion proposals

1860. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of forest diversion proposals received from the Government of Orissa over the last 10 years and the specific purpose for which such forest lands were sought to be diverted;

(b) the cases which are pending, the reasons therefor in each case and by when those are likely to be cleared; and

(c) the cases rejected so far along with the reasons in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected. On its receipt and compilation, the same will be laid on the table of the house.

Iron-ore mines in Goa

1861. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of iron-ore mines operating in Goa;

(b) the nature of permission granted to them for the purpose of mining;

(c) the number of mines in the State which have been issued notices under the Forest Conservation Act and other laws;

(d) the number of mines with respect to which licenses/permissions have been cancelled/revoked recently;

(e) the number of mines out of the above which have been allowed to operate by revoking the orders of cancellation;

(f) the objections, of the environmentalists against the mining activity in the State;

(g) the number of persons directly or indirectly employed in the mining industry; and

(h) the details of the present status of mining activity in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The mining activity can only be undertaken after obtaining environmental clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The Ministry has, so far, granted environmental clearance to 111 iron-ore projects in Goa during the period from September 2006 to 30th November 2009.